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DATA SPARING METHOD
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Substitute Specification and Marked Up Version of Original Specification;

Amendment of the Abstract;

Amendment of the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.